Demand and Supply of Power in the Northern Region

570. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIMIE MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power shortage is likely to exceed by 40% and energy requirement by 20% during the next two years;

(b) if so, what are the main reason that have led to the power shortage;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Northern Region will be worst sufferer as the gap between demand and supply is likely to be unprecedented;

(d) if so, whether any concrete steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. D. VENUGOPALCHARI): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) to (e) The actual energy and peak shortages in the Northern Region during 1995-96 are estimated to be 6.2% and 11% respectively as against All India energy and peak shortage of 9.2% and 18.3% respectively. Targets for geneation and capacity addition for the IXth Plan have not been finalised.

Schemes for Jobs to Educated Unemployed in the North East

571. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes, if any, undertaken by government during the preceding three years for providing jobs to the educated rural unemployed in Assam and other States in the North-East; and

(b) the level of achievements, vis-a-vis, targets in each of these States, years-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) As far as Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment is concerned, the scheme-"Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM) a Centrally Spnsored Scheme is being implemented in Assam and North Eastern States, besides other States since 15th August, 1979. It Aims at providing technical and entrepreneurship skills to rural youth in the age group 18—35 years from families below, the poverty line to enable them to take up self-employment, income generating activities in the broad fields of agriculture and allied-sectors, services and industries. They also take up wage employment Government does not provide the employment on its own but imparts skills to enable the youth to earn livelihood. Large number of rural youth have thus got self or wage employment.

In addition to this under the Integrated Rural Development Programme, a credit linked self-employment scheme, educated unemployed youth belonging to below poverty line families and having read upto VIII have been made eligible w.e.f. this year to reveive a higher subsidy amount of Rs. 7500/- for undertaking any economically viable project. This would benefit the educated unemployed rural youth of the NE States also.

(b) As per statement below.